GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:462
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PERMISSION FOR FREE TRAVEL TO BOOST TOURISM
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment in regard to the likely demand of tourists to moot permit free travel to boost tourism in the country including Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): No such survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Tourism.However,Ministry of Tourism has proposed to Ministry of Home Affairs for relaxation of permits to restricted areas which could result in a boost to tourism in these areas including Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.